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Dear Housing and Community Development Administrator:

As the new Executive Director of the National Community Development Association (NCDA), I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you to join us at the annual NCDA Region 1 Fall Conference which will be held in Hartford, Connecticut on November 13 – 17, 2006.

The conference will provide a variety of training and learning opportunities and the opportunity for you to network with your community development colleagues. As a leader in providing CDBG and HOME technical assistance to community development professionals, during the first three days of this conference NCDA will provide two separate training tracks: “CDBG Basics: Training For Practitioners” and “HOME Training: Underwriting Homebuyer Projects.” Additional information on these trainings can be found on our web site: <http://www.ncdaonline.org/>.

As you can see from the attached agenda, the conference has daily sessions on critical issues and innovative approaches to affordable housing and economic development programs. The conference agenda will also provide you with the opportunity to hear from, and interact with, Federal officials on our core programs: CDBG and HOME, and will include a tour of community and economic development projects in the host City of Hartford. More importantly, you will hear directly from NCDA staff on FY 2007 funding for CDBG and HOME and an outlook for next year.

If you have any questions about the conference please contact Mr. T.J. Martzial, Chair, NCDA Region 1 at 207.992.4238 or by email: t.j.martzial@bgrme.org.

I look forward to seeing you in Hartford.

Sincerely,

Cardell Cooper
Executive Director

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